

October 2012

## The Extinguisher

Happy Halloween

"Putting out the news"

Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



### Birthdays

Chris Ayers 10/04

Lionel Holladay 10/06

Travis Bryant 10/08

Hunter Fite 10/11

Zach Fleenor 10/12

Matt Roeger 10/13

Thomas McAdoo 10/15

Taylor Lasseter 10/20

Kevin Leonard 10/20

Anthony Cayll 10/23

Blake Insell 10/23

Jon Parsons 10/25

Josh Parsons 10/25

Joe Barrett 10/26

John Fisher 10/27

Brian Creager 10/28

Robert Alsup 10/29

Tony Lehew 10/31

### MFRD PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL 9/11 EVENTS

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department honored the victims of the 9/11 tragedy at several events. The Honor Guard assisted with presenting and lowering the flag at the Memorial Dedication Ceremony at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy in Deason on September 8. MFRD held a Remembrance Ceremony at Headquarters on the morning of September 11. Both the Honor Guard and Special Events Team participated in the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office 9/11 event on September 11.



### JONES RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE

Captain/Shift Training Officer Ronald Jones retired after 36 years of service with Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department. A retirement reception was held in his honor August 30 at Fire Administration.





# What have we been up to lately?



Engine 4 PR Event  
September 22



FF Matt Young won a Wing Eating Contest September 22 at a PR event at Olympus Gym. Young downed 47 wings in 5 minutes. The event was sponsored by United Way and the wings were provided by Toots.



Pennington received a "Life Saving Effort" Award for a July 19 First Responder Call.



MFRD at Asst. Chief Ballard's funeral in Manchester, TN on August 24.

## CFA Comments from Night One:

"Enjoyed the Honor Guard, the review of the annual report was very informative, and trying on our turnout gear."

"Liked real life situations cause and effect. Relation back to real life situations."

"Very interesting, very informative."



MFRD participated in the final inspection of Amazon. Engine companies in Amazon's territory and staff participated.



Driver Tommy Underwood and Firefighter Steve Thompson retired in September.



MFRD attended the "Grand Opening" for the new Bluegrass Uniforms, Inc. store in Murfreesboro. Several personnel won door prizes.



MFRD personnel competed in this year's Tennessee Ultimate Fire Fighting Challenge on September 29. Pictures will be in next month's issue of *The Extinguisher*.



MFRD will be sporting pink t-shirts the entire month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness, look for a special article in next month's newsletter.



Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13. The Fire Prevention Division will be conducting Public Education in City Schools, County Schools located in the city and several preschools, daycares, and other locations.



MFRD personnel participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Nashville September 9.



District 1, District 8, Engine 4 and Rescue 2 battled a blaze at 603 North Maney Avenue September 24. Fire crews did a fantastic job and received several compliments from staff and the community. (Picture provided by Jennifer Danylo)



Staff is in the process of filling the open positions due to retirements, etc.



The Fire Prevention & Safety grant request for a Fire Prevention Arson Trailer was denied.



The 10th Citizens Fire Academy began on September 18. There are 11 participants this year!



Tommy Underwood  
(31+ years)

Steve Thompson  
(22 years)



District 2 responded to an overturned tractor trailer on South Church Street September 21.



## October Anniversaries

### 35 YEARS

William Murray

### 34 YEARS

Joe Barrett

### 33 YEARS

Ken Honeycutt

### 24 YEARS

Daryl Alexander  
Williams Sauls  
Troy Thomas  
Carol Whitaker

### 15 YEARS

Alvin Brandon  
Jason Hayes  
Josh Oliver  
Raymond Smith

### 11 YEARS

Renard Brown

### 8 YEARS

James Bryant  
Nicole Miller  
Charles Powell

### 6 YEARS

Josh Jackson  
Alan Jakes

### 5 YEARS

Lucas Dearden  
Andy Smithson

**MFRD HELD ITS  
2ND ANNUAL  
YEARS OF  
SERVICE  
AWARDS  
PRESENTATION  
SEPTEMBER 20.**

**LOOK FOR PICS  
IN NEXT  
MONTH'S  
NEWSLETTER!!!**